

Let's Get Acquainted

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Howard Freeze Tucker with grandchildren

Howard Freeze Tucker was born February 27, 1907, the second of two children born to Forrest Steven and Annie Freeze Tucker. He and his older sister were both born in Salt Lake City.

Howard's father was a business man in Salt Lake before his death in 1911. He died of Diphtheria at the age of thirty-seven. The home he provided was in the Avenues, just over the fence from the Lowell Elementary School and five blocks from the Governors home. Howard played with Jessie Knights' grandchildren, the Bennett boys and the Taylor family those were fun

loving days.

After Elementary School at Lowell, Howard was a student at Briant Junior High and interested in sports, he had many friends there, among them a friend called Dave Freed and there were two new black boys who were very good athletes. Howard had not seen some of his old school mates for years. A few days ago, he got a telephone call from Dave Freed who wanted to know if he had seen Moodys sports column in the Tribune, as there was an article about Eddie Tollen, one of the black boys they had known in Junior High. The article told of Tollen's winning the hundred yard dash in the 1932 Olympic Games and a gold medal. Strange, how memories of long ago can renew old friendships.

To get back to the article: After Howard graduated from West High School in 1927, Howard and his mother moved from the Avenues to a farm house with

Howard had been working with a large renovating group that hired men on a regular basis to clean business buildings and homes of wealthy people. Howard was at the head of his crew, generally assigned to working from high scaffolds and using wall paper cleaners. One occasion he and his crew were sent to the Arbach home and Mrs. Arbach sent the men a large cake and plenty of coffee.

One of Howard's friends was Kendall Jacobson who wanted Howard to meet his younger sister, they shared the same mother but had different fathers as his father had died and his mother remarried. That day, Howard met Lyle Larson and her mother. He also learned that Lyle was an accomplished pianist, having taken lessons from Mr. Asper, who played the LDS Tabernacle Organ and taught music at the McQueen Music School. Lyle's parents were Lars Peter Larson and his wife whom the family knew only as Grandma Larson.

Howard Freeze Tucker and Lyle Larson were married on June 17, 1932 by an LDS Bishop, in Murray, Utah. They made their home in Murray.

When the mink industry was just getting a start in Utah, Howard investigated to see who had the best name in dealing with breeding stock, and learned that John Atkins of Coalville was the man to see. From their first meeting they became fast friends. He sold Howard six females of his best breeding stock and told him what he needed to know about keeping the animals healthy, also how to handle the pets.

Howard and Lyle left Murray UT and moved to Daniels Ward, three miles south of Heber City, UT, against the hills on the south of Heber Valley. They bought the "Old Plummer Home" a large sandstone two storied building with creek bottom farming land and the side of a hill for pasture. They bought the Plummer Place and moved in the Spring of 1946.

Lyle directed the remodeling of the home, and Howard busied himself with enlarging his stock and building sturdy steel shelters

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between Murray and Holiday,
near the grocery store where she
was the bookkeeper. She never
remarried. Howard's sister died
of natural causes in the late
1930's, and his mother died in
1962 at the age of 86. Their large
Larson farm was sold and is now
the Murray City Park.

Each summer, while in school,
Howard found a summer job.
On one of these summer jobs,
when he was about 15 or 16 years
old, he worked on a horse ranch
near Boise, Idaho. Howard
recalls swimming two hundred
horses across Snake River, most
of the men had a boat for the
crossing but Howard had been
told where to cross and was told
if he got in trouble to slip off the
horse and grab its tail and hang
on. There was no trouble as he
had watched several Indians
making the crossing.

Anita Freeze Tucker, liked to
tell her children all she could
about their father and his
relatives. Often they all sat in the
evenings in her mother's house,
near the Murray Mill Slag Dump.
When the cars came onto the
dump and poured out the molten
slag, the entire room of her
house would light up from the
red glare, and the older women
told of the old days, one of the
children's favorite stories was
about Grandfather Tucker who
had been a Sea Captain and how
one day he and his crew sailed
out of Liverpool England, and
was never seen again, nor was
any of his crew or the ship.

Howard recalls that Walt
O'Tool stayed at his mother's
house, when he had room. After
World War One, Walt's
mother-in-law, Mrs. McMillan,
came out of the hospital and
spent two or three days at the
Tucker home while waiting to be
taken to her home in Heber. Walt
was working construction at that
time. Many of the Heber people
will remember Walt O'Tool.

for his mink.

Howard and wife had three
sons when they moved to Daniel
Ward, all born in Murray, UT.

Howard Neal Tucker, called
Neal, was born in 1934, he
married Zola Olson. They had
two children. They divorced. He
married Kim, a young woman
from Idaho, who had four
children of her own. They live in
the house south of Howard.

Danney was born 1936. He
married Agness Jones. They
have two children.

Jon was born in 1938. He was
killed in an automobile accident
in 1962.

Howard was industrious and
he kept adding to his mink. The
first pelts he sold were through a
buyer out of Denver, Colorado,
named Joe Deyser. After that he
sold to United Mink Association
out of New York. Then to Hudson
Bay in New York, he was
attending the auctions in New
York Auction Center. After that,
he sold to Seattle Fur Exchange.

When Howard finally pelleted
out his entire stock, there were
three thousand pelts. The
animals were eating 1500 lbs. of
meat each day.

Howard said that he could not
have done this work had it not
been for his sons helping him
when their own work would
permit. During the years,
Howard has won several plaques
from the Association he sold to.
For each plaque the raiser of the
mink must contribute the best
bundle, and each bundle must
consist of 10 best female pelts
and 10 best male pelts at the
auction.

Howard retired last fall at the
age of 76. He has lived along
since his wife died in June of
1966. He has children, grand-
children and great grandchildren
who visit often and he is in good
health.

We wish Howard many happy
years ahead and that he will
continue in good health.

Can't seem to keep it together Wasatch's Football Team

Sports

Howard Freeze Tucker
Neil Tucker
Dan Tucker

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